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Ms. Shahla Farahnak, State Water Board

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Ms. Tracie Billington, Department of Water Resources

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Subject: **IRWM Program – Second Cycle Funding**

Dear Ms. Farahnak and Ms. Billington:

Inverness Public Utility District is a member of the Tomales Bay Watershed Council, a coalition of 30 groups, agencies and individuals, all of whom are working hard to protect the unique Tomales Bay watershed. The Council is a recipient of a \$469,000 planning grant for preparation of an ICWMP (Grant # 05-227-550-0).

The Council and its members entered into the planning grant process with the expectation that preparation of the plan would position us to apply for Phase 2 implementation funds to accomplish necessary and prioritized project within the Tomales Bay watershed. We have invested hundreds of hours in pursuit of our final plan, which is well on its way toward completion and adoption by June 2007.

We have just learned of several important decisions that will be made in the next few months concerning future funding for the Prop. 50 program and wish to make the following comments:

1. Please reserve funding next cycle of Prop. 50 Phase 2 implementation grants.
2. Please **do not** narrow the funding consideration for the next cycle of Phase 2 implementation funding only to the groups that have already submitted Phase 1 Implementation Grant applications for their adopted RWMPs. This would exclude groups that are currently in the planning grant cycle from any further Prop. 50 funding opportunities.
3. Please allocate a portion of the second cycle of Phase 2 implementation funds to the unique and relatively small group of planning grants that cover ICWMPs. This allocation would enable these regions to apply for implementation funds for prioritized projects identified in the soon-to-be-adopted ICWMPs.

Thank you for your consideration. If you need additional information or would like to talk to me about my concerns, please contact me at the above address.

Most sincerely,

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Katie Burdick, Project Manager, IWCMP Planning Grant

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